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## MILLION DOLLAR FIRE RAZES NEIGHBORING SCHOOL

In the early morning hours of October 31, fire broke out in the upstairs of the new \$200,000 north wing of Hillsboro high school.

At approximately 2:00 A.M. passing truckers first noticed the blaze. Draughon's Fire Department was the first to receive the call. Soon afterwards several other companies arrived at the scene to help fight the fire which was already dancing about on the roof when the first firemen arrived. With a stiff breeze behind them, flames soon reached throughout the rambling twelve year old building. Soon after, the building was reduced to nothing but rubble and half-collapsed walls. Though the firemen fought the blaze as well as possible, the fact that the fire was so far advanced on their arrival and that the nearest fireplug was over a quarter-mile away, made overcoming the blaze impossible. Their only recourse was to stop the fires ignited in the dry grass surrounding the school, while flames that leaped 200 feet in the air, and which could be seen all over Nashville, tore through the buildings. A crowd of over 300, many of whom were students, gathered about to watch the inferno.

The only equipment saved was the band instruments and a number of unused chairs. Books, laboratory equipment, and all of the athletic equipment were destroyed. Also lost were eleven

voting machines, valued at \$44,000, which had been brought in for the presidential election. As a result of the loss of these, the voters in that district were forced to vote by hand ballot.

In Davidson County, Hillsboro with 768 students was second in size only to Isaac Litton school and was in the process of building a \$200,000 addition at the time of the blaze. The whole plant was insured for a total of \$395,000. County School Superintendent J. E. Moss declared that it would take nearly one million dollars to replace the entire school, and would take nearly a year and a half to complete it.

By early morning of the day of the fire, plans were already underway to find a place for the students of the school. All the churches in the neighborhood offered their auditoriums and classrooms; also, the new Glendale Elementary School was considered, though it has only ten class rooms.

Early in the day the board of trustees of Belmont college offered thirty class rooms, a cafeteria, and an auditorium. Before noon, John Koen, principal of the high school, and a committee of parents were inspecting the layout. This was accepted although the cost for use of these facilities has not yet been worked out.

The students met the following Monday morning, but classes did not resume until a week later.

## Where Did They Go?

Congratulations are due to all of last year's seniors who are all doing excellent work in college. Andrew Ewing and Bob Herbert are attending M.I.T., while Boyd Bogle is at Georgia Tech. Charlie Potter headed north to the University of Pennsylvania and Somers Randolph added new life to Marion Institute.

Perhaps the grad farthestest away is Joe Tenison who is helping Uncle Sam in the Navy.

As usual, the majority are attending Vanderbilt University. They are Ben Adams, Jimmy Anderson, Richard Bibb, Herman Blackwood, Tommy Cate, Jackie Duncan, Harlan Cragon, Bill Hoffman, Bill Elliston, Don DuPlan-

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## Report on Teen Town

Before the opening of school this year, Dr. Sager called a meeting of representatives from each class to meet with Mrs. Starkey Duncan, Mrs. Zach Coles, and himself. The purpose of this meeting was to see if the members of the student body would be interested in starting a Teen-Town. The persons present were in favor of this proposal. It was agreed that Teen Town would function every Saturday night; admission being 15c per person, hours 9:30-11:30.

A fairly large crowd attended the initial opening but now attendance has fallen off. What's wrong?

There are two obvious reasons (Continued on Page 4)

## M. B. A. HOLDS ANNUAL HOMECOMING

M.B.A. featured its annual homecoming this October 31, in a game with Hillsboro High School.

School was dismissed at 12:00, in order that the lunch room could be used for the preparation for the spaghetti supper to be served that night.

Serving as waitresses for the supper were a group of girls selected by the football team and the Senior class. They were as follows: Edythe Hollabaugh, Sue Ransom, Anne Morrissey, Beth Creighton, Eleanor Hovey, Berenice Miller, Nancy Headden, Patricia Ridge, Sissy Davis, Lou Cowan, Linda Champion, Joan and Eve Loser, Betty Blevins, Ellen Russell, Elizabeth Smith, Jackie Wright, Bebe Macey, Ann Huddleston, Anne Kirkpatrick, Anne Mashburn, Betty Chiles, Ann Benton, Amelia Spickard, Marilyn Hovey, Cynthia Hastings, Mary Schlater, Connie Stevens, and Nancy Tupper. M.B.A. would like to thank these girls for their assistance which helped to make the supper a big success.

The supper gave many alumni and mothers and fathers a chance to get together and discuss their past days at M.B.A. while enjoying a very delightful meal.

Right after the supper many people enjoyed the game played between the Microbes and Parmer, before the main contest began. The two teams fought to a 6 to 6 tie.

At the half time of the main tussle, M.B.A. presented its homecoming queen and her attendants. Miss Patricia Ridge was presented as queen, with Palmer Temple as her escort. Anne Morrissey with her escort, Larry Thomas, and Betty Chiles with her escort, Merritt Lane, were the attendants.

After the presentation there was a race consisting of all the freshman class, Whit Watson being the winner.

A fine Hillsboro band concluded the half-time activities with their performance.

A successful homecoming came to an end when both teams were served with spaghetti after the game.

## Fannie Battle Workers Large Attendance To Sponsor Singers At Spaghetti Supper On Christmas Eve

"A Candle In Every Window, A Carol At Every Door", will again be the theme this year when the Fannie Battle Social Workers sponsor the carol-singing for the thirty-fourth year.

This worthy organization, which was founded in 1891 by Miss Fannie Battle, is located on South Fourth Street. It is a day nursery for approximately sixty children ranging in age from two to six.

The carol-singing is a Yuletide highlight, especially to the younger children, and was begun in 1916. A former member of the Community Chest, the day home is now financed entirely by the donations received on Christmas Eve.

Anyone wishing to form a choir should contact Mrs. Richard Marshall at 8-7386.

The Spaghetti Supper in the M.B.A. Cafeteria turned out a great success. A large number of people attended the supper. The tables were decorated with flowers and little favors were set at each place. The spaghetti was wonderful with rolls and slaw and chess pie for dessert. You could also buy a cellophane bag of cookies or home-made candy.

It gave many parents a chance to see and talk with each other. Everbody who went to the spaghetti supper enjoyed it very much. The service was extra good. The waitresses were always at your service.

Mrs. J. C. Dale was chairman of the committee for the Spaghetti Supper and Mrs. R. W. Lightfoot was co-chairman.

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## CLASS NEWS

### Grade School News

The Microbes ended their season in a blaze of glory by beating McCallie Military Academy 38 to 0. The Microbes had a successful season—they won 3, lost 2, and tied 2.

The boys on the privilege list for the first six weeks were Tony Brush, Bill Lightfoot, George Sloan, Josh Taylor, Wade Elam, Carl Hoffer and Emmett Dozier, and Laird Smith in the eighth grade and Tony Edmonds and David Waller in the seventh grade.

John Burch is improving very much in his writing, but this business of making a "B" backward has got to stop.

The broken-up boys in the grade school, Robert White and Tom Husband, are planning to have their casts removed this week.

The boys on the privilege list this three weeks are Josh Taylor, Laird Smith, George Sloan, Carl Hoffer, Wade Elam, and Emmett Dozier in the eighth grade and Tony Edmonds, David Waller, Wentworth Caldwell, and Robert White in the seventh grade.

Benn McDermott has been coming to school with his hair slicked up. He is trying to take Wade Elam's girl away from him, but Wade has other ideas.

The latest and official weapon of the boys of M.B.A. is a rubber band and a paper wad. They don't feel good either—I know.

In the mad rush for the lunch room counter, Taylor grabbed Hoffer's pants. Taylor is now one dollar richer.

At our gym period some of the boys gave the cat some 100

proof. Harmon insists that there are two cats around school, but we know that there is only one, so now we know where the rest of that 100 proof went.

Tom Husband, who broke his arm in the Burton game, was replaced by Wade Elam who did a very good job at this spot.

### Freshmen News

The last junior varsity game was played a few weeks ago. Those who played a very good game were Tommy Brown, Tommy Frist, Bill Herbert, Bill Smith, Frankie Drowota, Frank Burkholder and Whit Watson. Two of the freshmen have been practicing with the varsity basketball team and have really been doing a good job. They are Whit Watson and Phil Williams. Frist was seen running laps down the road to the springhouse the other day. Asked how he liked it, he said: quote: "Whew!", unquote. Quimby exclaims that his spotlight is too popular. Provine funks General Science test—says, "I was robbed. The questions were too easy." Mabry racks up another 100 in G.S.—says "That's nothing, I made 150 in Algebra." Gropp passes Algebra test, exclaims, "I want a holiday, I want a holiday!" Henry Hurt is recovering from the flu. (Julie has flu too.) I wonder how he got it? Guy buys new camera. . . says the other didn't take pictures at the right distance. Freshmen to make the privilege list this three weeks were Dick Sager, Tom Frist and Bill Morehead. That's all the Freshmen News for this time. . . See you around in the next issue.

### Sophomore News

King Kong Butler has title bout with Cobra Cummins. . . Andy Coleszar romps 50 yards on center sneak in football practice. . . The Canyon Kid has been seen on the loose at third period. Funnie! . . . Mono Butler has been seen posing as strong man in circus. . . Baritone Bill Bradford is said to be pinned. . . Glenn Brooks is still having trouble with answering questions. . . Cold Cream Coleman has invented new hair-do. . . Bill Fennell is trying to get the Chinese language taught at M.B.A. . . Everybody at M.B.A. plays football even on the gym floor with a variation of the rules. . . Nub Brooks and Baritone Bradford have been demoted to Mrs. Dixon's class room at lunch period. . . Don (the Puffer) Chickey having trouble keeping from getting demerits at first period. . . Brooks and Brothers have fight. . . Brothers has a black eye. . . Pilkerton goes on rampage, tears up studyhall. . . Bonzo McDaniel gets picked up for setting off firecracker in the Sweet Shop. . . Brooks having trouble with algebra now. Can't quit poking people. . . Latin room becomes art gallery at lunch period. . . Gardner, Thompson, Breedlove, Walker, Goodman, and Sloan having trouble with speech. . . Glover and Trimble asked why they tore up study hall. . . Blank enjoys Litton game and girls.

### Junior News

On the lighter side of the news Voss, Bob and Dick Scales and Brandau are showing top grades in Mrs. Bitzer's English class. Two juniors have recently been promoted to first string varsity. They are "Baby" Dick Anderson and David Herbert. A familiar face has been missing around demerit study hall. Has Bobby Calton reformed? Bobby Townes gives Mr. Hackman some matches for work in the lab. Mr. Hackman exclaims "I always said that Townes was a good boy." Jimmy Armistead runs away with Geometry Medal as he explains his new theorem, "Two lines determine a straight point."

### Senior News

Crockett's and Dale's long friendship comes to an end as Crockett gets ringed to Dale's old girl. George Kirkpatrick finally gets senior ring, but with wrong initials. As Lee Ann puts it, "It couldn't happen to a nicer couple". . . Several seniors buy carloads of Pabulum and Pet milk as they go out for freshman and sophomore girls. . . Burns is still dating Bob's girl. . . Bo Jones finally gets picture taken after threat of twenty demerits. . . B. Smith goes to baby's valet to get date to frat dance. . . Thorpe gets pinned, ringed, etc. to Nancy Headen. Says Thorpe, "I got faked out of my jewelry". . . Brown takes lessons from little brother Tommy on the facts of life. . . Big lover's party at

Lane's folded. Williams leaves early. . . Genghis Thomas' love life hits rocks. Says Thomas, "The next date is the last, so help me!" . . . Hal Moore leaves Navy to take up cadet training at Oliver Field. . . Roberts asks for recommendation to college. He'll GET one!! . . . Bouchard back in the popcorn business. . . If you can't find Don Dickerson in the afternoon now, just look out at the mansion on Murfreesboro Road, and I don't mean Central State. . . Larry Wilson gets lip split in Hillsboro game. Returns to form Friday night, both during and after the game. . . Roberts, Duncan, Brown and Litkenhous make trip to Atlanta to see Tech-Vandy game. Trip folds as Marilyn Monroe fails to show up. Replaced by Ann Green. Upon arriving Roberts lines up date. . . Moon challenges Eyster to a duel.

Here's hoping for a good basketball season.

## Bottom of the Afternoon



By Blue La Rue

Buford hears from doctor that he needs iron, promptly gobbles his erector set. . . Physics students learn that mercury is pretty expensive, then it's not so expensive, son. . . Bainbridge (F.) arranges conference with headmaster, wants to know exactly what he is taking. . . Thorpe astounds law class with rules for parking, Jones shocked. . . Bainbridge (B.) seen picking up a Rose. "Hopalong" Casetty hits the trail. . . Sanders to get English medal for meddling in English. . . The rush is on as students throng to sale of next week's Teen Town tickets. . . Red hot Burros take Maroons to defeat. . . "Rocky" Wrenne and Long John Sutton schedule a return bout for December. . . Blue La Rue wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### It's The "Pop's"

At the new Vandy Gym on Thursday, December 11, 1952, you guys are urged not to attend a basketball game, but the Nashville Symphony Orchestra's Pop Concert.

A prize of two season tickets to Vandy basketball games will be awarded. The purpose of the concert is to have fun—no long-haired music. Promptly at 8 o'clock, Guy Taylor will conduct an all-request program.

Tickets will be available on December 1 in the office for the low, low price of 50c a head.

Come and bring a date!

# — S P O R T S —

## MAROONS BOW TO CLARKSVILLE 7-0

On Friday the 7th the Maroons of M.B.A. lost a close game to Clarksville on Frank M. Andrews field. The Big Red did everything but score against the Wildcats. Clarksville punched over a touchdown with less than three minutes remaining in the game. At the very first of the game the Big Red's offense began to roll as it never had before. It was led by the brilliant running of halfbacks, Mack Brothers and Jack Herbert. Brothers picked up 73 yards in 20 carries and Herbert made 25 in 7 attempts. The Maroons had numerous opportunities but could not quite reach for pay dirt. They carried the ball deep into Clarksville territory three times but each time the attack stalled and the Wildcats took over. The Big Red moved to the Clarksville one, two, and eight yard lines but couldn't cross the double stripe. The Maroons led in all statistics. Outstanding on offense besides the halfbacks were: Brooks (at guard), Kirkpatrick and Chaffin (the new ends), and Rolfe. The defensive stars were Brooks, Bright and Sanders.

## BURROS DEFEAT M.B.A.

Hillsboro High School ruined M.B.A.'s homecoming with a 19 to 0 defeat. Both ball clubs were up for the game and it was really a rough one.

M.B.A. kicked off to Hillsboro and on the second or third play Dave Sanders and a Hillsboro player were put out of the game. That was really a loss to the Big Red. Close to the end of the first half Brunson went over from the three to score for Hillsboro. In the first half the Big Red threatened three or four times but could not go over the chalk line. At the half the score was 6 to 0.

At the beginning of the third quarter M.B.A. elected to receive and drove to the Hillsboro 20 before they were stopped. The ball changed hands two or three times before the end of the third quarter. Just before the end of the third quarter Brunson ran around end for a forty yard touchdown for Hillsboro. The extra point was good and Hillsboro led 13 to 0. With five minutes left in the game Brunson ran a double reverse for a thirty-yard touchdown. The extra point was not good. The final score was Hillsboro 19, M.B.A. 0.

Standouts for M.B.A. were Bright, Rolfe, Brooks, Chaffin, Moon, Brothers, Herbert and Thompson.



## LIONS ROMP OVER BIG RED

On Friday night November 14, an underdog but hopeful Maroon team went to play Isaac Litton. Although Litton was favored by a 24 point margin they had hopes of pulling another upset. As the game progressed these hopes seemed to be slipping away. The power and speed were too much for the Big Red—but the Big Red never gave up! At the end of the first half the score was 34 to 0 in favor of Litton. Even at this point everyone on the M.B.A. side thought maybe there was some outside chance. Once late in the game the Big Red made a scoring threat, after driving down to about the 10 yard line. Then Mack Brothers playing a great game, carried the ball down to the three yard line. Everyone thought that he had scored because one of the referees raised his hands but then the other referee raised his hand for just a first down. There the M.B.A. threat died. After that we did not threaten, and so when the game ended the score was 60 to 0 in favor of Litton. This tied the series between Litton and M.B.A. at 4 all. A great amount of credit is in for the Seniors who played their last game for Montgomery Bell Academy. These boys are: Charlie Brooks (captain), Bobby Chaffin, George Kirkpatrick, Estill Wilson, Larry Wilson, Peter Moon, Jack Bouchard, Billy Bright, Starkey Duncan. The individual stars were in backfields Mack Brothers and Jack Herbert with 41 and 40 yards respectively. A great amount of thanks comes from the student body to the 1952 football team, who, although they did not have the best record possible, held up the name of M.B.A.

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## 'Maroon Highlights'

Well it's that time of year again when the spotlight turns from the gridiron to the gym. The Academy has several cagers returning from last year to bolster the club's attack for what should be a successful season. Returning lettermen are: Jimmy Martin, Jim Dale, "J" Thorpe, Palmer Temple, Tommy Buford and Alan Goar. In addition to these lettermen the school has Bert Chalfant, Bobby Smith and Carlin Rolfe, who will add height to the team. These boys could very well turn in some fine rebounders. Last year's season wasn't too successful as they won only four games. If every man does his part this season, however, the Maroons could have a winning team.

The spirit and desire are fine as the team has been practicing informally for a couple of weeks. We would like to wish the team the best of luck. We would like to express our appreciation to the football team for going out and trying through all the games. It seemed as though the grumblings were with us all season for although we outplayed a few teams, we just couldn't win over them.

We would like to thank also the student body for its support of the games and we hope that the support will continue through the basketball season.

## MICROBES TIE PARMER

The M.B.A. Microbes Homecoming game against Parmer was the best they played all season with the final score 6 to 6. Emmett Dozier was the star of the game. He made the touchdown and also took the ball away from a Parmer player who was going for a score and ran for about forty yards back up the field.

## MICROBES ROUT McCALLIE

The day after the Homecoming game a very weary Microbe team faced McCallie Military Academy. Dozier was again the star with five touchdowns. Brush also made a touchdown. The final score was 38 to 0.

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## Personalities of the Month

This is the second in a series of character sketches on the most outstanding seniors at M.B.A.



**George Kirkpatrick**

George is an outstanding leader at M.B.A. He has gained the respect of boys in the field of sports and in scholastic work also. He is without a doubt one of the most versatile boys at our school.

George is another one of the few boys who has been with us as long as possible—from the seventh grade to his senior year.

As a leader George has held many offices right from his start at M.B.A. In the eighth grade he was president of the class. During his junior year he held the office of secretary-treasurer. George has also served well and seen improvements in the Honor Council in his freshman, sophomore and senior year.

As a freshman George joined the Kappa Phi fraternity and now is the secretary of that organization. At school he is a member of the Key Club and Senior National Honor Society.

While attending junior school he received the geography medal in the seventh grade and the English medal in the eighth.

In the field of sports, George has played J.V. and Varsity football. He lettered in tennis his freshman year, and played varsity baseball.

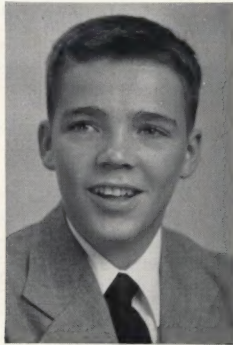
As I said before, you find George Kirkpatrick a fun-loving and versatile boy of great merit. Likes: Spanish Hates: English

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**Jimmy Dale**

Jimmy Dale is a boy who has shown his worth at M.B.A. He has only been with us for three years, but he has proved to be outstanding since the day he joined us at M.B.A.

Jimmy has received many medals, honors and good wishes from the student body and faculty for his fine work and leadership quality.

Every year that Jimmy has been with us he has received the majority of the medals from his class. At the end of his sophomore year (his first) he received three medals—one in English, Latin and Ancient History. During his junior year he was awarded three again—taking English, Plane Geometry and French.

Outside of school hours Jimmy has lettered in basketball, both J. V. and varsity.

Jimmy has consecutively held high offices the three short years he has been at M.B.A. His sophomore year he, although being a new student, took the secretary-treasurer position. In his junior year he had the fruitful honor of being elected a member of the Honor Council, and again his senior year he is secretary-treasurer.

In organizations Jimmy is president of the Key Club, of which he became a member his junior year. Last year he was elected Boys' State Governor and representative to Boys' Nation. He is now Editor of the annual and Jimmy is also vice-president of the Delta Sigma fraternity.

As you can see Jimmy Dale's record speaks for itself.

Likes: Physics Hates: French

### Nick Varallo's Barbecue Drive-In

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tier, and Don Ignatz. Others are Bobby Miller, Don Massey, Carey McNelly, Matt Maddin, Dick Bransford, Claude Jarman, Ben Kingree, John Napier, Bill Rhodes, Jim Pellittieri, John Nixon, Glenn Plummer, Louis Todd, Ridley Wills and David Strayhorn.

Albert Nisley can be seen marching at Sewanee; while Louis Bachlotte is enjoying the University of Florida. Bert Eyster is at Davidson, and Jay Johns attends Southern Methodist. Here's hoping they have the best of luck wherever they are.

## M. B. A. Observes Book Week

This year the 34th annual celebration of National Book Week will be held November 16-22. Schools all over the nation are recognizing the event. The library is getting some 25 new books, varying from the scientific type of a purely historical nature, to the new ever-popular science fiction. The books on the best seller list are: **A Man Called Peter** by Catherine Marshall, **The Silver Chalice** by Costain and **The Old Man and the Sea** by Ernest Hemingway.

Some of the other books of interest are:

**Submarine** by Commander Edward L. Beach, U.S.S., which is the first book about submarines in World War II to be written by a man who fought in them. The story of the men of the USS **Trigger** who joined her before she was commissioned and who remained with her until just before her last patrol three years later. Interwoven with the story of the Trigger are thrilling tales of other submarines and the enlisted men who fought against the Japanese.

**Across the Space Frontier** by Cornelius Ryan, is not a science-fictionist dream, but an accurate blueprint, prepared by some of the best scientific minds in the country. It tells how man can, within the short period of 10 or 15 years, reach beyond the atmosphere and establish a space station, 1075 miles above the earth.

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## REPORT ON

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for this slump. First, not enough boys have brought dates to it; second, the couples sometimes do not dance.

It is thought by some that the lunchroom is not the right place for Teen Town. Maybe the honor room would do better.

Student body—Let's get behind Teen Town and make it a success by bringing dates to it and by dancing when we get there. We've got a good thing started, let's really throw on some coal!

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